



“Games of Friendship” to bring the message of Social Integration

(10 December 2016) The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) sponsored and organised a charity activity “Games of Friendship” in cooperation with SAHK to advocate the concept of social integration. Stephen Sui, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare was invited as the officiating guest for the activity. Highlight of the Games was the competition between Mr Sui and SAHK service users. It was an exciting game filled with fun and warmth, and the spectators cheered loudly for the participants.

Delivering the welcoming speech, Professor N K Leung, Chairman of SAHK pointed out that the Association provides comprehensive rehabilitation service for disabled persons, and “Games of Friendship” could encourage their service users to break through physical barriers and demonstrate their talents on sports. He believed that the public could have a better understanding of the disabled through the Games to bring the message of social integration. And he was thankful to Towngas for the sponsorship and volunteer participation.

Stephen Sui, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare commended SAHK for its continuous efforts to offer all-round rehabilitation service to disabled persons of different ages and types. He also stressed that the government alone could not build a caring society. We needed concerted efforts from the business sector, non-government organisations and the community. The Games co-organised by Towngas and SAHK set a good example for cooperation to promote social integration. He wished that the disabled could unleash their potential and we should work together to build a city with harmony and integration.

Peter Wong, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer–Utilities Business of Towngas said, “The cooperation between Towngas and SAHK started from 2015 when we joined

hands for the Rice Dumplings Wrapping event. Towngas shares SAHK's mission of helping the disabled and donates HK\$100,000 from The Hong Kong and China Gas Charity Foundation for the Association to purchase sports treatment supplies to help the service users develop their talents on sports. I wish we will have more chances for cooperation in the future to promote social integration so that our society will be more harmonious.”

About 500 people took part in this activity. During the competitions, SAHK service users broke through physical barriers and demonstrated their potential on sports, and the guests also performed well. The Games was full of excitement and happiness, and at the same time, embodied the spirit of social integration.

Profile of the organisations

Founded in 1862, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) was Hong Kong's first public utility. For the past 150 years, Towngas has been evolving from the simple gas company supplying fuel for street lamps to our current leading position in the energy industry in the greater China region. Our core business in the territory consists of the production and distribution of gas, marketing and sale of gas, the sale of gas appliances, as well as comprehensive after-sales services. At present, we supply town gas to over 1.8 million customers in Hong Kong. Towngas Volunteer Service Team was set up in 1999 to fulfill our social responsibility. The Company supports charity activities to help and care for the needy in the community. Up to November 2016, the total number of service hours reached 690,000 and total number of persons benefited from our volunteer services was 4,945,404.

In 1963, SAHK was established with the name "The Hong Kong Association for the Spastic Children", and in 1967, it was renamed as "The Spastics Association of Hong Kong" to offer rehabilitation services to patients of different ages. In line with the development of its services, the Association officially changed its name to "SAHK" in 2008 with the mission

to bring the abilities of its service users into full play. The Association provides wide spectrum of rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities to enable them to realise their full potential, enhance their independence and self-confidence, and become participating members of the society. SAHK has four core service areas, including Children and Family Support Services, Special Education, Adult Service as well as Community Support Service. Special service projects are also implemented. There are now a total of 67 service units and special service projects to provide services to 15,000 families annually.



Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare Stephen Sui, Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer–Utilities Business Peter Wong and SAHK Chairman Professor N. K. Leung took a group photo with SAHK service users and Towngas volunteers.



Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare Stephen Sui (first from left), Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer–Utilities Business Peter Wong (second from right) and SAHK Chief Executive Officer Fong Cheung-fat (fourth from left) not only officiated at the event, but also participated in the Games with SAHK service users. Sha Tin District Council members Pun Kwok-shan (first from right) and Yip Wing (fourth from right) were invited as the judges.



Participants had fun with a variety of sports at the Games which embodied the spirit of social integration.



Towngas Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer–Utilities Business Peter Wong (right) presented a cheque to SAHK Chairman Professor N. K. Leung (left) for the Association to purchase sports treatment supplies to help the service users develop their talents on sports.



SAHK service users gave thank you cards to Towngas volunteers after the Games to express their gratitude for the volunteers' support and participation.

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